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PREFACE

More than 80 years have passed since the appearance of the first socialist state in the world.

In the former half of the 20th century, the locomotive, which represents socialism here, ran fast along its track, and the socialist bloc further expanded and developed.

However, the locomotive was faced with obstacles in the latter half of the 20th century, and it became unable to run properly. And, finally, no sound of it was heard in the former Soviet Union and other East European countries.

This tells us a serious lesson that it would be impossible for us to preserve our gains if we had not an outstanding leader who is able to drive skillfully the locomotive, which represents socialism, towards its final destination, and if we failed to fulfill our own duty.

Today, a locomotive is running fast towards its final destination.

It is the DPR of Korea.

Korea, with its own ideology, is running fast towards the ideal society of mankind along the road of

socialism of Juche, chosen by it, making a loud sound.

That sound echoes through the world, signaling the final victory of socialism.

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LODESTAR WHO TOLD US LESSONS OF HISTORY

"Historical experience shows that when people steadily strengthen the driving force of the revolution, with a strong conviction in socialism and a correct guideline, hold fast to socialist principles in all circumstances and strengthen comradely unity and cooperation on the basis of independence, the socialist cause will advance along the road of victory; otherwise it will suffer setbacks and frustration."

Kim Jong Il

1) Outcome of Dogmatism

The world media like "NHK", "CNN", "ITAR-TASS" competed to broadcast special news with headlines: "Historically significant work-The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party'", "definite blow to the 'limit of socialist idea'", "heavy blow from Korea" and "screams from the West", etc.

The world media were all about the work of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**. His work "The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party" produced a big response in the world.

In particular, his clarification that the collapse of socialism in the former Soviet Union and other countries was caused by the dogmatic understanding of the existing theory was a heavy blow to the West that was engrossed in propagating the "limit of socialist idea" and the "failed experiment".

The collapse of socialism in the East European countries, which had been building socialism and the former Soviet Union, was not the outcome of the "limit of socialist idea". It was the result of the dogmatic understanding of the existing theory without creativity. In those countries, problems arising in the building of socialism were not solved in consideration

of the changed realities.

Many people have so far talked about the after-effects of blind dogmatism in the revolution and construction.

But, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s work "The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party" made people feel strongly the evil effect of dogmatism.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that those who had failed to rid themselves of the dogmatic understanding of the existing theory viewed the nature and superiority of socialist society as not being defined by the popular masses who had the socialist idea but as being defined by socialist government and by the socialist relations of ownership; they also sought the driving force of socialist construction in the economic factor, namely in the adaptation of the production relations to the productive forces

Now let us look back on the existing theory.

Mankind aspires to love, happiness, justice and progress. The world of love and hope, justice and progress, and the world of harmony and benevolence have been regarded as the most ideal society of mankind.

The ancients sought this kind of world in Eden and the mediaeval people found it in "Utopia" and

"City of Sun". In man's dream there were innumerable ideal societies.

Utopian socialists brought the ideal society, a mankind's long-cherished dream, to us for the first time, though in a form of a Utopian scheme.

They put forward the idea of setting up an equal society based on public ownership by eliminating private ownership - the root cause of exploitation, oppression and social inequality.

However, the Utopian socialists, despite their sympathy for the misery of the exploited working masses, failed to see them as the revolutionary force capable of building a new society.

They considered that the irrational aspects of capitalist society could be corrected by enlightening people and appealing to the "good will" of the exploiter class.

It can be said that Marxism overcame the historical limitation of the Utopian socialists and combined the demands of working people who aspire to socialism, with revolutionary forces and a revolutionary fighting method.

In the past, the former Soviet Union and other East European countries, which had been building socialism, accepted the existing theory as it was, making socialism destroyed.

On the basis of the analysis of the limitations of the existing theory, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** clarified that the collapse of socialism in several countries was nothing but a temporary trouble caused by the fact that the parties of some countries which had been building socialism failed to develop the existing theory in accordance with the requirements of the new stage of the historical development of socialism and, on the basis of this, formulated a correct line and policies.

His clarification enabled mankind to get a correct view of and attitude to the existing theory so as to build socialism successfully, by overcoming temporary trials and troubles.

As is known, more than 100 parties were formed in Russia after the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union was dissolved. Some of them take anti-communist and anti-socialist stand, some others take "neutral" position, but most of them are making efforts to rebuild socialism.

And the other parties unanimously regard the Juche idea as their guiding ideas.

Moscow was once the center of the "soviet-style socialism". Today the Juche idea is becoming the guiding idea of the parties aspiring to socialism.

What does this auspicious reality show?

2) Consequence of Opportunism

The imperialists and reactionaries are describing the abnormal phenomenon in some countries, which had been building socialism, as the "end of socialism".

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** taught that the crumbling of socialism in various countries does not mean the failure of socialism as science but the bankruptcy of opportunism which had corrupted socialism.

As taught by him, collapse of socialism in several countries means the total bankruptcy of opportunism.

Socialism was frustrated in several countries including the former Soviet Union, because the parties in those countries disregarded the historical limitations of the existing theory and dogmatically applied it to the building of socialism, and pursued revisionist policy.

Why were the Leninist Communist Party of the former Soviet Union dissolved and socialism frustrated?

It might be correct to think that the parties in those countries were muddled by the rightist

opportunistic revisionist policy.

Many people thought that the dissolution of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union was caused by Gorbachev and other renegades of socialism, who had taken the leading offices in the party and state.

But this cannot be the correct understanding of the dissolution of the CPSU and the collapse of socialism.

Even though a few renegades and traitors had occupied high positions, the party and social systems, which had decades of history, could not have collapsed in a few days' time.

The 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union was a turning- point in the Party's opportunistic trend.

The anti-Stalin campaign, conducted under the preposterous slogan against "personality cult", became an ideological prelude to the opportunistic tendency of the CPSU. Communist party members, who had opposed the opportunistic policy, were expelled from the party or oppressed and the unity between the party and the masses was destroyed.

As a result, the building of socialism suffered a setback and the international communist movement, working-class movement and the anti-imperialist

national liberation movement of the popular masses suffered a great loss.

History shows that if the ruling socialist party followed opportunism, the ideological consciousness of the communist party members and the working people degenerated even in the socialist society. Right opportunism of the Communist Party of the former Soviet Union at last caused the dissolution of the party, destroyed the Soviet socialist state and revived the American-style capitalism.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** taught the world progressive peoples the historical lesson in building socialism concerning the revival of capitalism, which started with capitulation and betrayal.

3) Poison of Revolution

It is a firm revolutionary principle of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** to fight against bureaucracy.

From the first days of his leading the Workers' Party of Korea, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** fought against the persons who had abused their authority and exercised bureaucracy. He teaches the officials that if the persons, who abuse their authority and exercise bureaucracy, are rampant in the working class party in power, the party and the revolution will

fall to ruin and the socialist system will also crumble down.

At the end of the 1980s, the abuse of power and bureaucracy were extremely prevalent. Turbid stream of the "opening" and "reform" overflowed in the East European countries which had been building socialism and the former Soviet Union.

One day in November 1988, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the peoples in the East European countries which had been building socialism had lost their trust in socialism, disillusioned with the prevalent abuse of power, bureaucracy and bribery.

Up to now, no politician has emphasized the problem of the abuse of power and bureaucracy. The prevalent abuse of power and bureaucracy in the ruling party caused the party and the state to be destroyed.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that considerable efforts should be made to eliminate the abuse of power and bureaucracy.

Whether or not the popular masses have become the genuine masters of politics in a socialist society and participate in the management of the state and society with the attitude befitting masters is the most decisive factor in the consolidation and development

of the socialist system and the success of socialist construction.

But in some countries in which socialist power had allegedly been established, they still clung to the mode of politics of former societies.

As a result, the management of the state and society had become an undertaking for privileged people and had been conducted in isolation from the popular masses, their masters.

This gave rise to the growth of bureaucracies, and produced such grave consequences as holding the people's creativity in check, impairing the masses' trust in the party and the state and undermining the unity of the popular masses.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** rejected the mode of politics of former societies, and has waged a principled struggle to put an end to the abuse of power and bureaucracy, poison of revolution.

As a result, the abuse of power and bureaucracy, harmful to the revolution, have been eliminated, and socialism continued to flourish.

4) Starting-point of Capitulation and Betrayal

It is said that for His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** people are the objects of absolute worship,

unconditional respect and boundless devotion. Therefore, he has defended and embodied the people's interests and devoted everything for them.

I would like to mention one thing that I was told from the Korean people.

Some time ago, the senior officials of the Party Central Committee arranged the construction of a villa by the Taedong River in Pyongyang for His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** to have a rest. Of course, it was done secretly.

But when the laying of the foundation of the villa was completed, he came to know about it. He severely criticized the senior officials and told them to blow it up. He told them that he would not be able to conduct the revolution with them if they would not blow up the foundation.

After the foundation had been blown up, he said that it showed that **Kim Jong Il** had belonged to the "people's faction".

No great and famous men have said that he belonged to the "people's faction". The word "people's faction" can not be found in any other countries' dictionaries. "People's faction" was the word used for the first time, summarizing His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s outlook on human life, characterized by his worship, respect and love for the

people. All his thoughts and activities are conducted to meet the demands and defend the interests of the people.

Summing up the historical lesson in building socialism, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that it is a fundamental principle that should invariably be maintained in socialist construction to defend thoroughly and meet the popular masses' desire for independence and their interests.

In the course of building socialism one can commit minor errors, but the working-class party which is responsible for the destiny of the popular masses must on no account abandon the fundamental principles of socialism.

In the struggle for socialism against capitalism the abandonment of revolutionary principles is surrender and treachery.

In the past the people of some countries that were building socialism wavered in the face of transient difficulties that arose in the course of building socialism and went so far as to yield to the pressure of the imperialists, gradually conceding and abandoning their revolutionary principles because they lacked confidence in socialism.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, analyzing the historical lesson in building socialism, pointed out

that the abandonment of revolutionary principles is surrender and treachery.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** disclosed the counter-revolutionary character of the renegades of socialism by clarifying that disloyalty to the revolution and surrender to the imperialists had started from the abandonment of revolutionary principles.

5) "Pluralism"

It is well known that modern social democracy appeared as an ideological trend of revisionism, and pursued "restructuring" and "reform" under the "new way of thinking" to revive capitalism.

The frustration of the "Soviet-style socialism" and the revival of capitalism are the consequences of the "reform", "restructuring" and the "new way of thinking".

Did the modern social democrats "reform" and "restructure" socialism? What is modern social democracy? Much time has passed since social democracy came into being.

All kinds of opportunism including social democracy are the reactionary ideological trends that the imperialists and reactionaries have used to

frustrate the communist and working class movement.

With the aim of putting their anti-socialist strategy into practice, the imperialists forced a number of countries, which had been building socialism, to introduce bourgeois liberalism and multi-party system, capitalist private owner-ship and the market economy.

Modern social democracy is the Right opportunism serving for the realization of such anti-socialist strategy.

The modern social democrats introduced "pluralism" on the pretext of the "reform" and "restructuring" of socialism, which further accelerated the degeneration of socialism.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** pointed out that "pluralism" cannot be compatible with socialism, adding that socialist society is based on collectivism, and regards the unity of the popular masses as its lifeblood.

In Korea, it is suggested that the introduction of "pluralism" into socialist society fosters individualism and liberalism that encroach upon the common interests of the society, break the unity and cohesion of the popular masses and produce social disorder and chaos.

Permitting liberalism in ideology and a

multiparty system in politics in a socialist society is, in the long run, to open a road to counter-revolutionary maneuvers that are aimed at demolishing the foundation of socialist society and overthrowing the people's government.

A struggle in the sphere of ideology is the prelude to a political struggle, and naturally develops into a struggle for power.

Historical experience clearly shows that if anti-socialist ideas are disseminated by liberalizing ideology and the activities of anti-socialist parties are permitted through the tolerance of a "multiparty democracy," class enemies and reactionaries will commit anti-socialist acts and ultimately drive the working-class party out of power.

As clarified by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, one of the reasons of the frustration of the former Soviet Union was the introduction of "pluralism", the capitalist political method. Socialism cannot be compatible with "pluralism". This is the firm will of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

6) Authoritarianism and Submission

Of course, in the past, there existed unity and mutual cooperation between the former Soviet Union and the East European countries which had been building socialism.

But, that unity required the countries to be obedient to the power of one country.

It was not a true unity based on the main principle to be adhered to in relations between the parties.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** taught that it is a basic principle, that must be adhered to by the parties of socialist countries in their relations, to unite and cooperate with one another on the basis of independence, and to maintain their independence while strengthening international solidarity.

I think this is the fundamental principle which must be adhered to by the parties of socialist countries in strengthening international solidarity in all circumstances.

Analyzing the unity and cooperation existed between the party of the former Soviet Union and the parties of the former East European socialist countries, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** formulated the rights and duties to be observed by all communist and workers' parties in accomplishing the cause of the

world revolution.

He wrote that the communist or workers' party of each country has the right to defend its own independence and, at the same time, is in duty bound to respect the independence of its counter-parts in other countries, and to unite and co-operate with them in a comradely manner for the victory of the socialist cause.

There had been a time in the past when there was one center in the international communist movement and individual parties acted as its branches.

At that time, the international communist movement was in an immature state and individual parties lacked leadership ability for guiding the revolution of its country. Therefore, an international center was needed.

However, the time is long past. The revolutionary forces of each country have further increased than that period. So today, there can be no higher or lower parties or leading or led parties. There exist only comradely cooperation and unity between fraternal parties on the principles of complete equality and independence.

In the past, however, in Eastern Europe there existed an organization similar to a party above parties and a state above states. It is none other than

the "Council for Mutual Economic Assistance". "CMEA" was an international organization formed in January 1949 to rehabilitate the ruined economy of the East European countries including the former Soviet Union after World War II and to counter the US imperialists' economic sanctions. Nevertheless, the modern revisionists turned the "CMEA" into a tool used to economically dominate and politically subordinate other countries.

They controlled the political and economic lifeline of the former East European socialist countries through the "CMEA" and forced them to obey their instructions. (CMEA was a party above parties and a state above states.

It was precisely Moscow - the Soviet Union).

So, the former East European socialist countries, whose lifeline was controlled by the former Soviet Union, were wholly obedient to the authority of Moscow with their sovereignty completely violated.

Breznev once gave Todor Jivkov of Bulgaria a modern car as a gift, satisfied with the "loyalty of Bulgaria to the CMEA". Jivkov expressed thanks several times and tried to drive the car. But he was surprised, because there was no handle in the car, except a hook. He could not drive the car without a handle.

At that moment, Breznev said: "What's the use of the handle? All you have to do is to bind a rope to the hook and connect it to my car, and sit comfortably. I will drive the car and you follow me."

Later, this anecdote was widely known as the "car without a handle", but it is indeed an instructive story that shows the authoritarianism and high-handedness of Moscow.

The relations between the fraternal countries, established by the former Soviet Union-style socialism, were the same as the "car without a handle."

2
LEADER WHO DEALT A HEAVY BLOW TO SOPHISTRY

"It is sophistry to call socialism 'totalitarian', 'barracks-like' and 'administrative and commanding'."

Kim Jong Il

1) Heavy Blow to "Totalitarianism"

Men can survive and develop only when they form a social collective and lead an active life in social relations.

It is none other than the socialist society that fully meets the intrinsic demands of people.

Nevertheless, the imperialists and the renegades of socialism call the socialist society "totalitarian".

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** dealt a hard blow to those who called socialism "totalitarian" by making public his work "Abuses of Socialism are Intolerable."

Totalitarianism served as the political idea of fascist dictators. Hitler in Germany and Mussolini in Italy used totalitarianism as an ideological tool to justify their fascist dictatorship.

Totalitarianism sacrifices the interests of the working people for the sake of the interests of the reactionary ruling class under the pretence that the individual should be subordinated to the whole. What is meant by the whole in totalitarianism is not the whole of the popular masses but a tiny handful of privileged circles such as monopoly capitalists, major landowners, reactionary bureaucrats and warlords.

Hitler and Mussolini stamped out even the most elementary democratic freedom and rights of the

masses of the working people and enforced tyrannical policies, behind the misleading name of "national socialism", claiming that for the sake of the whole nation and the whole state no working-class movement could be permitted.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that calling socialism, under which the popular masses are the masters of everything, "totalitarianism" is, ultimately, a preposterous lie which identifies the most progressive idea that reflects the demands of the popular masses with the reactionary idea of fascist rulers.

Perhaps, some people may be confused about the fact that the most progressive idea was identified with the reactionary idea of fascist rulers.

The essential superiority of socialism lies in the fact that the popular masses are the masters of everything.

For the people to be the masters of everything they must firstly become the masters of politics. Only then can they lead a full social life as befitting masters. Socialist politics is popular politics exercised by the people as its masters.

For people in a socialist society to exercise their rights and discharge their responsibilities as the masters of the state and society they must have a

political organization which represents their will and interests. The representative of the people's will and interests in socialist society is the party and government of the working class.

The political organization in a socialist society must conduct its political activities in a manner that suits its nature as the representative of the will and interests of the popular masses.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that many parties, which were building socialism, gave up revolution and betrayed the people, but our Party can never betray the people and should be responsible for the destiny of the people even though the heaven would collapse.

He also said that our army has the slogan "We serve the fatherland!" and our Party officials' slogan must be "We serve the people!" One can see the slogan "We serve the people!" everywhere in Korea.

The historical experience shows that if the working class party and government failed to realize the great political ideal "We serve the people!" in socialist society, they might destroy the party, the government and socialism. The activities of the working class party and state in the former East European socialist countries including the former USSR were not conducted in accordance with their

nature that they should serve the people and, as a result, the abuse of power and bureaucracy were socially prevalent.

Its aftereffects were extremely harmful. The party and government were discredited in the eyes of the people due to the abuse of power and bureaucracy, and complaints about socialism increased, and a counter-revolution against socialist system staged.

It was the best chance for the imperialists and the renegades of socialism, who used every means to denounce socialism.

They instigated people to oppose the socialist ruling parties and socialist power by misleading them with the preposterous slander that socialism was "totalitarianism" and with the promise that the people would be provided with "humane and democratic socialism".

Were "humane and democratic socialism" brought to those countries which the imperialists and the renegades of socialism called "totalitarian"?

What the people had got as a result of the collapse of socialism was not "humane and democratic socialism" but capitalism under which exploitation, oppression and social inequality were dominant and every type of crime and social evil prevailed. In those countries where socialism

collapsed and capitalism was revived the abuse of power and bureaucracy had not disappeared but had become institutionalized and legitimized and were socially prevalent.

As His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** pointed out, calling socialism "totalitarianism" is a preposterous lie.

2) Heavy Blow to "Barracks-like Way"

In Korea one can hear a song that the people of this country sing merrily.

> *Country teaches the children Country looks after our health We thank the Party That provides us with This benevolent system.*

It is said that the arts represent life.

If then, this song might be a reflection of the happy life that the Korean people enjoy in socialist system.

When one meets the people in Korea, they say; "Under our Party's leadership everything goes alright. Has there been any person who was harmed while believing in his mother? Our state is responsible for the people's lives". These are the heartfelt remarks

made by the people in Korea. According to them, the Party is their mother and the state is the head of their large family. I think it reflects their love for the Workers' Party of Korea and their gratitude for their socialist system.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** taught that the supreme aim of all the activities of the Party and state in socialist system is to provide the popular masses with genuine freedom and rights, rich and civilized life, adding that the essential superiority of socialism lies in making everything serve the people.

In the past, people viewed the party as an organized rank defending the interests of a certain class and a weapon for class struggle, and the government as a power organ for realizing the political domination of a ruling class.

That is why, everything was subordinated to strengthening the function and role of the party and state as the executors of power, the weapon of the class struggle, in the building and the activities of the party and government. This can not be a correct understanding on the party and power of working-class. This cannot be a correct understanding of the party and government of the working-class.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the nature of a working-class party and the socialist government

is to serve the people.

Today, in Korea, the Party and state are entirely responsible for the lives of the popular masses.

Therefore, the people in this country proudly call the Party their mother and their fatherland a cradle of their lives.

This feeling cannot be produced artificially.

The feelings of the people, who experienced the love of the Party and gratitude for their social system through their actual lives, can be expressed only by sincerity.

However, the enemies of socialism denounce socialism, in which the party and the state provide the popular masses with an independent and creative life in a responsible manner, as being "barracks-like".

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** stated that the social way of life is defined by ideology and varies according to the social system and that socialism is the most progressive of ideas that reflects the intrinsic demands of people, and the socialist system is the most advanced of systems under which the popular masses enjoy an independent and creative life to the full.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that denouncing socialism as being "barracks-like" is also absurd.

What is a genuine life?

An idle life cannot be called a genuine human life. A worthwhile and happy life, which conforms to the intrinsic demand of people, is a creative life enjoyed while transforming the world, and is a sound and equal life that everyone can lead. Such life can be enjoyed only in socialist society where the party and state are responsible for the lives of the people.

Denouncing socialist society, which provides the people with all the conditions and a good social order enabling them to lead a rich, civilized and stable life and in which the party and state serve the people, as being "barracks-like" is nothing but a sophistry.

3) Heavy Blow to the "Administrative and Commanding Way"

In general, the administrative and commanding method of management is an old method of rule that serves the demands of the privileged classes by invoking legal authority in an exploiter society.

The fundamental characteristics of state and social administration in socialist society are that priority is given to political work in all activities and superiors assist those under them and cooperate with

one another in a comradely manner.

In capitalist society where the economy is run spontaneously on the principles of the market economy, state and social administration is conducted by the administrative and commanding method and the popular masses, the target of control, are in duty bound to obey administrative orders.

Contrary to this, in socialist society the popular masses, who have become the masters of the state and society, hold the position of masters and play the role of masters in the administration.

The administrative and commanding method of management which was manifested in socialist practice in the past did not emanate from the essential nature of socialist society but was a legacy of the exploiter society.

Socialist society develops ceaselessly on the united strength of the popular masses. Korea urges that if she is to consolidate unity and cohesion of the whole society, she should strengthen the education of socialist ideology among the people.

However, the former USSR and East European socialist countries failed to correctly understand that the main motive force of development of socialist society were in unity and cooperation based on the high ideological consciousness of the popular masses,

but attempted to raise people's enthusiasm for production by means of such economic levers as material incentives.

Of course, the lever of material incentives may be used in a transitional society. But, this lever must be used on the basis of giving priority to education in socialist ideology.

If emphasis is put merely on material incentives, this will reduce people to egoists who seek only their own interests, with the result that society will stagnate and the foundations of socialism will be destroyed. In those countries, which put emphasis merely on material incentives to raise people's enthusiasm for production, the building of the socialist economy floundered.

The renegades of socialism rejected the leadership of the working-class party and state over the socialist economy on the excuse of opposing the administrative command system and introduced the capitalist market economy.

The lesson shows that the society, which is not based on a socialist economy, cannot be called a socialist society. The renegades of socialism claimed that the "administrative command system" relied on the absolute dominance of state ownership, converting socialist ownership into private ownership.

Privatization in ownership means the revival of capitalism. Herein lies the abominableness of the imperialists and the renegades of socialism who are engrossed in sophism that does not go with reason.

3
LODESTAR WHO ELUCIDATED SOCIALISM AS A SCIENCE

"Socialism is a science. Socialism has been frustrated in a number of countries, but scientific socialism is as alive as ever in the minds of the people."

Kim Jong Il

1) The Acme of the Socialist Theory

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made public *"Socialism Is a Science",* thus having summed up the historical exploits of humankind and provided the world progressive humanity with a bright prospect of putting socialism onto a new scientific basis.

Man, as the social being, desires a bright future and has an ideal for a genuine human society.

From the olden times a legend about the "happy garden" has been told in the East, whereas the West worshipped the "earthly paradise". People have been desirous of an ideal society in which they could lead a happy life in harmony free from exploitation and oppression.

Afterwards, the Utopian socialists put forward an idea to abolish exploitation and oppression and set up a just society based on a collective ownership.

However, they only sympathized with the exploited and oppressed masses. Utopian socialism failed to recognize the exploited masses as the reliable force of building a new society and set forth a scientific method of building an ideal society of humankind. Although Utopian socialism once drew the attention of the people, but could not be a true ideal that the people aspired after.

Thanks to Marx and Engels, socialism became formulated into a scientific ideology.

However, after 100-odd years, the socialist idea put forward by Marx faced a "crisis" and, lost its value because of its limitations.

The West fussed about the "end of socialism" when socialism collapsed and capitalism revived in the former Soviet Union and other East European countries.

The frustration of socialism in a number of countries and the anti-socialist offensive of the renegades of socialism and the West media made people confused and destroyed the ideological foundations of socialism.

Those, who were thinking, with a sound reason, about the future of mankind, worried because there would be only a system based on money if the desire of mankind for an ideal society would fail to be realized.

The shadow on the theory of socialism, the ideal of mankind, made the world progressives disappointed and uneasy. The work published by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** at such a historic moment had a great significance. His work put the theory of socialism onto a firm basis and restored the damaged image of socialism. The news about the work was

broadcast, for several days from the day of its publication, by the Japanese, US, German, British and other Western media.

In the past, the western media showed prejudice in dealing with the socialist countries and paid no attention to broadcasting the news about a work published by a socialist leader. The fact that they broadcast the news about the publication of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s work showed that they recognized his high international prestige and influence.

Studying his work, I was deeply moved by his elucidation of the nature of socialism and the independence of the popular masses.

Independence is the life of the popular masses and the history of mankind is the history of struggle to realize the independence of the popular masses.

In his work, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** combined socialism with the realization of the independence of the popular masses and philosophically proved the generality and eternal vitality of the socialist idea, thus putting it on a new scientific basis. As the title of his work indicates, socialism is a science.

His work is a monumental work and the acme of the theories of socialism which reformulated in a

new way the theory of socialism. The work exposed the imperialists' sophistry on the "end of socialism" and the opportunists' scheme to eradicate the socialist ideology and declared their total bankruptcy.

2) Barren Land of Independence

People used to talk much about ideal societies.

During their talk, they, maybe, thought about the socialist and communist societies in which the popular masses' independence would be completely realized.

The long history of mankind is the history of the popular masses' struggle to achieve their ideals and independence.

Through this history of struggle, a class society turned into another class society and, at the same time, the people's struggle for independence also developed.

Through the historical development process of the past, one class society turned into other class societies in succession, changing only the form of oppression of the independence of the popular masses, not liberating them from the social and political subjugation. I think it's important to know about the

reason.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** elucidated the reason by making public *Socialism is a Science.*

He wrote that the failure to attain the masses' independence in hostile class societies was because all these societies were based on individualism and private ownership, and these societies split into hostile classes, produced class antagonism and social inequality, and were accompanied by the exploitation and oppression of the popular masses by a small ruling class. He continued to write that history showed that independence for the masses could not be realized in a society based on individualism.

The hostile class societies can exist only when they are based on individualism, the product of private ownership.

The imperialists and the renegades of socialism made every possible effort to embellish individualism, saying that it is a pure democracy, which respects, to the maximum, the character of a human being and offers "complete freedom" to everyone.

Mammonism, extreme hatred against human beings and the law of the jungle form the hotbed of individualism. It is the capitalist society in which if one has much money, he can enjoy unlimited freedom whereas if one has not money, he loses even the

freedom to breathe.

How can man's independence be realized in such a society?

As His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote, independence for the masses cannot be realized in a society based on individualism.

Let's consider the situation of Russia in the former part of the 1990s when capitalism was revived by the renegades of socialism who "reformed" and "restructured" socialism claiming that they would set up a "democratized state for all people".

Destruction of socialism retreated this country by dozens of years.

Industrial production was reduced by 50% at the end of 1993 and decreased again by 26% in 1994.

The bourgeois system deprived the people of their rights to work, to free education and free medical service, and destroyed all the gains achieved in the Soviet period.

A massive unemployment occurred for the first time since 1930.

Let's consider some changes made in the lives of the ordinary people.

In mid-November, 1994, fares for the public transport were 250 rubles; monthly commuter's card cost 30,000 rubles and 500 grams of bread cost 800

rubles. 80% of the Russian population were under poverty and the streets in Moscow were full of beggars. 5% or 7% of the population were leading a luxurious life controlling the wealth of the country.

What did the revival of capitalism bring to the people?

The average span of life of the people decreased by 7 years and the conditions of health of the children deteriorated. The medical experts admitted that only 14 % of the rising generations were healthy. Though it was a peacetime, the rate of mortality was higher than that of childbirth, and from 1992, the population of Russia began to be decreased.

The revival of capitalism brought people only misery and suffering, poverty and death.

It is the reality of capitalism revived by the renegades of socialism, who destroyed the socialist system in which the independence of the popular masses had been flourishing.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that a historical review of the development of human society had proved that, in order to realize the masses' independence, a society based on individualism must be replaced by a society based on collectivism. Individualism is barren of independence, mercilessly violating the independence of the popular masses.

3) Flower Garden of Independence

The Korean people are now making a vigorous advance to build a powerful nation. The word "powerful nation" in Korea means a country with a great power, in which everything is prosperous and the people live without envy.

In their struggle to build a powerful nation, the Korean people are following the examples set by the heroes and heroines such as Jong Song Ok, Pak Ok Hui, Ri Ung Chan, Kim Yu Bong, Ho Yong Gu and Hyon Yong Ra whom His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** called as the heroes of the times.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** valued the heroes' and heroines' spirit, with which they devoted their all for the society and the collective, not for their own happiness and honor, and gave them great love and trust.

The people of Korea say that society and the collective have the meaning of the people whom His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** regards as his god. They say it is a consistent belief of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** that the party and the state are necessary for the people and the revolution and construction are needed

to defend the interests of the popular masses and meet their demands for independence.

Therefore, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** discards individualism designed only for an individual, and values collectivism that is for society and the people.

It can be said that the noble spirit, possessed by the heroes and heroines of Korea, is a reflection of collectivism valued by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that people can transform nature and society and meet their desire for independence, not as individuals, but only through collective cooperation among members of society.

The struggle to transform nature and society is a struggle to meet the demands of the popular masses for independence.

This great struggle cannot be waged by an individual alone.

History shows that the human activities to transform nature and society were promoted by the collective cooperation among members of society.

If people are to live in a social collective, they must meet both their collective and individual demands for independence.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** gave a scientific explanation to this in his work "Socialism is a Science".

He pointed out that the collective demand for independence is the common requirement of members of society for the existence and development of the social collective and that the individual need for independence is the need as an equal member of a social collective; it is the need which should naturally be met through collective efforts in return for his contribution to society.

Such elucidation corrected the view of some people who were confused with the individual need for independence and selfish greed.

The individual need for independence fundamentally differs from selfish greed, which ignores the collective and subordinates everything to the interests of an individual. Both the collective and individual needs for independence can be satisfied to the fullest only through collectivism.

I want to say that collectivism is a foundation on which both the collective and individual demands for independence can be fully met as well as a "fertile land" which makes the independence of the popular masses be in full bloom.

That is why, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** values collectivism.

Really, collectivism enables the independence of the popular masses to be realized on the highest level

by meeting both the collective and individual demands for independence.

4
LODESTAR WHO USHERED IN A NEW HISTORY OF RESPECTING THE FORERUNNERS OF THE REVOLUTION

"The history of the world socialist movement provides the serious lesson that a revolution advances victoriously when revolutionary forefathers are respected and their accomplishments are preserved and developed, and that a revolution is abandoned and frustrated when revolutionary predecessors are betrayed and their accomplishments are negated."

Kim Jong Il

1) Moral Obligation of Revolutionaries

I was told that what His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** hates most are the inhuman acts devoid of conscience and elementary human moral obligation. It is said that he never tolerates any immoral acts against holding the revolutionary seniors in esteem.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s such noble moral traits greatly attract people.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the cause of socialism would be able to be accomplished only when the successors would carry forward and develop through generations what their predecessors had achieved for the revolution.

The cause of socialism cannot be accomplished by one or two generations. It advances to its completion through a long struggle to carry forward and develop down through generations what their predecessors achieved for the revolution.

The history of the world socialist movement shows that a revolution advances victoriously when revolutionary forefathers are respected and their accomplishments are preserved and developed, and that a revolution is abandoned and frustrated when revolutionary predecessors are betrayed and their accomplishments are negated.

The former Soviet Union was the first socialist state established under the leadership of Lenin and Stalin. However, after Stalin died, Right opportunism emerged. As a consequence of this, the ideas and achievements of Lenin and Stalin were slandered by the traitors, and socialism collapsed.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the attitude towards revolutionary forefathers reflects the attitude of revolutionaries towards the revolution.

The revolutionaries are the persons who have a strong sense of political independence and possess advanced ideas. They also are highly civilized persons, both culturally and morally.

Conscience and obligation are man's intrinsic virtues and the source of the spiritual force which motivate people into voluntary and good activities.

Although a man has advanced ideas, he cannot be called a true revolutionary if he has no conscience and obligation.

In Korea, respecting the forerunners of the revolution is regarded as a revolutionary obligation of the revolutionaries.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that respecting the revolutionary predecessors, who fought devotedly for those who would come after, is the next generations' natural revolutionary obligation and their

noble moral duty.

2) Incarnation of Loyalty to the Leader

Solovek, senior researcher at the US defense thinktank, said in an interview with a "New York Times" reporter after the Agreed Framework between the DPRK and the USA was adopted and the former US President Bill Clinton sent a message of guarantee for its implementation to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

"Leadership art of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, supreme leader of the DPRK, is dazzling rather than surprising. It is more than envying and good, but rather charming and great.

He is really the most distinguished great man of the present century. Because only His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** leads the superpower USA by the nose in the current world in which there is no cold war between the East and the West. His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** controls the USA, which pretends itself as the world leader, by the nose. It is the tragedy of the USA that it must be controlled by him as he likes.

I have been deeply interested in great men recorded in history out of my professional curiosity. I have investigated about their birth, education, world

outlook, hobby and other factors which influenced the formation of their characters. And I have come to a conclusion that all the great men in the East and the West and at present and also in the past have merits and shortcomings different from one another, but they may be divided into some categories-extraordinary brain type, warrior general type and benevolent human type-this is a concept of great men that I have formulated for years.

Then, of what type of general is His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**? Is he a man of an extraordinary brain type? No. He is a man of a mysterious brain type rather than of an extraordinary brain type. Is he a man of a warrior general type? No. He is a superman surpassing warrior generals in courage and guts. Then, is he a man of a charitable human type? No, he is not. His virtues are the Sun's virtues, which cannot be compared with the God's charities, though multiplied by hundreds of times.

We have not yet found the answer to this. Even the highest quality computer of our institute cannot find the answer. Herein lies the tragic lot of the USA."

At the end of the interview, he stressed that the final goal of his institute is to define of what type of a great man **Kim Jong Il** is and what bases his personal

features.

Several years after that, Solovek published in a US magazine an article "**Kim Jong Il** -Great Man of President **Kim Il Sung** Type".

"If we turn the pages of the voluminous world history books on great men, we can read about all hues of great men. But their chronicles described in various ways concluded that they were divided into some categories: brain type, warrior type or human virtue type.

"Then, what type of great man is **Kim Jong Il**, supreme leader of the DPRK, who is acclaimed by the world today?

"What kind of great man was President **Kim Il Sung**? I think there is no need to argue about this.

"Instead of an argument, I think it will be better to mention the words expressed by Jimmy Carter, former US President, in praise of President **Kim Il Sung**.

'President **Kim Il Sung** is greater than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln combined together, the three presidents who represented the building and destiny of the USA'.

"Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln - they were great men acclaimed by the Americans. But President **Kim Il Sung** is greater than all the great men in the world combined together. This is the acclamation of

the century rather than Carter's personal praise. President **Kim Il Sung** was the greatest man of all the great men in the 20'[1] century.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is a great man of President **Kim Il Sung** type, whom the 20th century had acclaimed.

The news of the sudden death of President **Kim Il Sung** gave people greater shock than that the earth had broken up.

What was the US's real intention then? 'At last it has come!' It felt relieved. Communist north Korea, which had pierced a dagger in the heart of a giant, USA, could no longer be a hedgehog. To the USA, communist north Korea meant precisely President **Kim Il Sung**.

'It will collapse by itself or go through an internal change whatsoever.' This was a US's political perception of communist north Korea after the death of President **Kim Il Sung**.

Vacuum in the state leadership continued for one year, two years and even three years, and to be extended for four years. Korea was withstanding, through its unique "Arduous March" and the forced march, the pressure and sanctions applied by the international allied force.

Korea emerged as the center of the world

socialist movement, instead of collapsing by itself.

It further consolidated its political stability on a higher level than in the lifetime of President **Kim Il Sung**, without a minor internal change. It has become the bulwark of socialism that any physical strength and placation could not conquer.

'Don't expect any change from me.'

This was **Kim Jong Il**'s first declaration after President **Kim Il Sung** passed away. The meaning of the declaration was extraordinarily profound. It epitomized **Kim Jong Il**'s faith and will to inherit, by 100 per cent, the ideas and exploits of President **Kim Il Sung**. The realities of Korea, which frightened the USA and surprised the world, was the product of this declaration.

No election for state leadership was held in Korea for four years. This was indeed a surprising political event unprecedented in history.

If we look back upon the international communist movement, bourgeois movement and other movements, we can find that, at the time of change of leadership, there were big or small political upheavals.

The political history records only the facts that the power was transferred from the predecessors to the successors without any vacuum when the formers

had died, whether this had resulted from good intentions or not.

When Lenin passed away, the leadership was taken over in one week and, in case of Stalin, in one day at the extraordinary meeting and, in case of other heads of state, in about twenty days.

After the death of President **Kim Il Sung**, **Kim Jong Il**, his only successor, devoted himself to holding the President in higher esteem and further glorifying his ideas and cause than when he was alive.

Not long ago, I met with the Rev. Billy Graham. He told me about the Kumsusan Memorial Palace in the area around Mt. Taesong in Pyongyang. He said: 'The Kumsusan Memorial Palace is the honored house dedicated to the late President **Kim Il Sung** and the sun's sacred home, from where the President ascended to heaven. The height of the sacred home is the height of authority and exploits of President **Kim Il Sung** and the height of loyalty and moral obligation of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**. Indeed, the Palace represents the noblest moral obligation and all loyalty of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

I am not a communist. Nor do I aspire to and sympathize with communism. I am an American who serves the interests of the United States - this is my spiritual mainstay, which is consistent in my ideology,

political view, and ism.'

Listening to him, I could not suppress my admiration from the bottom of my heart, transcending ideologies, political views and isms.

It is common in today's world that the ideas and feats of any great man or leader are negated and distorted. But, only in Korea, President **Kim Il Sung** is held in high esteem as he was in his lifetime, and his ideas, exploits and cause are inherited creditably. This is inconceivable apart from the loyalty of the successor leader to his predecessor.

At last, I came to realize the nucleus of the characteristic features of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**-great man of President **Kim Il Sung** type. The highest aim of his life is directed to holding President **Kim Il Sung** in high esteem. This is the very nucleus of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s characteristic features.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** - great man of President **Kim Il Sung** type - is the greatest man of all the great men, who possesses mysterious brain, superman's courage and great humanity as well as the highest moral obligation to the predecessor leader."

He is right. His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** has the highest moral obligation to the previous leader. Indeed, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** is the very incarnation of loyalty to the previous leader.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote in his work "Respecting the Forerunners of the Revolution Is a Noble Moral Obligation of Revolutionaries" that loyalty to the leader is the highest expression of the sense of revolutionary obligation.

I would like to introduce, as follows, some of the teachings of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

"The highest representative of revolutionary elders is the leader, and loyalty to the leader is the highest expression of the sense of revolutionary obligation.

"Carrying forward the cause of independence for the popular masses, the cause of socialism, means none other than the continuation of the cause of the leader. Inheriting the ideas and achievements of the revolutionary predecessors means inheriting the leader's revolutionary ideas and the achievements made under his leadership. Respect for revolutionary predecessors finds typical expression in loyalty to the leader. Being unfailingly loyal to the great leader through all generations is the duty of revolutionaries and the highest expression of the sense of revolutionary obligation. Revolutionaries must resolutely defend the ideas and exploits of the leader and loyally carry forward his revolutionary cause."

5
LODESTAR WHO ELUCIDATED VICTORY OF SOCIALISM

"When the popular masses, who are fighting for independence, acquire socialist ideology and believe in socialism without a shadow of a doubt, socialism will without fail go on to fresh victories. "

Kim Jong Il

1) Ideology First Principle

On June 19, 1995, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** published a work "Giving Priority to Ideological Work is Essential for Accomplishing Socialism".

The work produced a great response soon after it came into publicity. Especially, the socialists and progressives in the East European countries including the former Soviet Union praised it, saying that His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** gave mankind a weapon guaranteeing the victory of socialism.

They completely agreed with His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s view that the corruption of socialism begins with ideological corruption, and that a break-down on the ideological front results in the crumbling of all socialism's fronts and ends in the total ruin of socialism.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** wrote that if it secures ideology, socialism will triumph; if it loses ideology, socialism will go to ruin, adding this is a truth that has been substantiated by history.

This, indeed, showed a new idea, which touched the hearts of the communists throughout the world.

In Korea, art is run through with socialist ideology and aimed at educating the people in socialist ideology.

Its contents are run through with the idea of preserving the socialist principles, fighting against imperialism to the end and being loyal to the leader. It is not an art for art's own sake, but expresses the ideology first policy.

Under the outstanding leadership, all sentiments, thinking and practice of the Korean people are centered on loyalty to socialism.

From childhood, they are educated in socialist ideology, and grown up, under the care of the state, in schools, palaces and kindergartens.

The staunch defenders of socialism are brought up in the Korean society.

Every worker, farmer, soldier and lecturer, you will happen to meet in the factories, construction sites and museums, say about the ideas of their Party.

The Korean people are building socialism in an extremely difficult situation at present when a number of countries had abandoned socialist ideal. In such ordeals, the Korean people developed the economy and equipped the country with defensive means, which outmaneuvered the USA.

Their force is the strength of self-reliance based on the Juche idea, and the policy they pursue is the three-revolution line, the line of socialist construction, the first of its kind which is based on the Juche idea.

The ideas of the Workers' Party of Korea, accepted by the popular masses, have been turned into a great material force.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** discovered, for the first time in the world, the force of ideology and brought up the mighty driving forces of the revolution.

Decades of the communist movement and the present history of Korea show that only **Kim Jong Il** type leader, who sets forth the correct guiding idea, can defend and advance the socialist cause and lead it to final victory.

We are boundlessly proud of having His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, the master of ideology who, with ideology, leads Korea and the world, as the lodestar of world revolution.

2) Building the Party into a Motherly Party

Bourgeois politics is the harsh and deceptive politics of oppression and plunder which is connected with plutocracy. In this kind of politics, the people are only oppressed and plundered. Only by the politics of love and trust can the masses of the people become the genuine masters of politics.

In order to materialize the genuine human politics in socialist society, it is necessary to put up the political leader, who has boundless love for the people, and build the party into a motherly party.

Hundreds of years have elapsed since the emergence of parties as public organizations. Today there exist innumerable parties which pursue their own ideals and purposes.

However, no party has put forward the idea of building itself into a motherly party - the servant and guardian of the people - in any era.

The cause of building the party into a motherly party can be accomplished only by the people's great leader who devotes himself to the masses of people.

Today, the Korean people call their party a motherly party. This expresses their feelings of thanks to their leader who has built the party into a motherly party which takes care of their destiny and future.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that he is a servant of the working people, if the people wish, he must make flowers blossom even on rock; this is a maxim of President **Kim Il Sung** as well as his own. The word "servant" means a person who is told by others what to do and attends upon others.

History records the example in which the subjects attended upon their heads of state like heaven.

But there has been no example in which heads of state attended upon their subjects like "god".

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, who worships the people as the greatest teacher, willingly became the servant of the people and devotes himself to them.

He is such a man. That is why, he put forward, for the first time in history, the policy of building the party into a motherly party, and has built it into a genuine motherly party which cares for the people's destiny and future to the end.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that building the party into a motherly party means turning it into a people's genuine guide and champion which meticulously and responsibly looks after the destiny of the popular masses like a mother who warmly cares for her children.

From the first days of his leading the Workers' Party of Korea, he set forth the defending of the interests of the people as the foremost task of the Party activities and waged merciless struggle against anything in opposition to it.

One day His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** happened to know that graphite powder smeared the faces of workers at a graphite drying site of a mine because of the inadequate production conditions.

Staining of graphite on their faces was taken for

granted. So the officials did not pay heed to it.

But His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** did not take it as a simple matter, though everyone else regarded it as normal.

After a few days, an extraordinary session of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee was convened. The situation in the graphite drying site was informed to the session. And the provincial chief official who neglected the working conditions of the mine was exposed to serious criticism.

After the meeting, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** met the provincial chief official and criticized him for his faults. And the official apologized to him for his faults.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** told him and the other officials to apologize to the workers, not to him, for their faults, and they should, on their knees, ask the workers' pardon, and if the workers would accept their apologies, they would be able to be forgiven, but if not, there would be no other way.

Next day, a meeting, as the extension of the session of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, was held in the theatre of culture of the mine, to criticize the chief official. The chief official apologized to the workers for his faults. He told the workers to punish, as they liked, the officials

including him who were negligent of the working conditions.

There was only silence in the meeting hall. There was nobody among the workers who were thinking about "punishing" the officials. They only thought of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** who organized such a meeting unprecedented in the world.

The meeting turned into a meeting for swearing an oath of loyalty to His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, and also a meeting in which the participants expressed their thanks to his meticulous care.

After the meeting, a campaign was conducted to improve the working conditions of the graphite-drying site. With this as a momentum, the campaigns to improve the working conditions of the workers were conducted everywhere in the country.

This story tells us the great love for the people shown by His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, who even brings a star from the sky if it is for the interests and benefits of the people.

In the former socialist countries in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the socialist ruling parties were not built into motherly parties taking a responsible care of the people's destiny, and, instead, turned into bureaucratic parties which lorded it over the people and abused power. As a result, the

parties lost the support and trust of the people and became an oil-drop on water and, in the long run, ended their existence. Building a socialist ruling party into a motherly party is an important matter connected with the fate of socialism.

3) Let Us Preserve the Juche Character and National Character

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that adherence to the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction is a fundamental principle that must be maintained in accomplishing the people's cause of independence, the cause of socialism.

A man cannot maintain his existence separated from the nation and country. A nation and country are the foundations of the people's living and elementary unit for shaping their destiny. The destiny of the masses of people is connected with the destiny of a nation and country.

The Korean feature film the "Nation and Destiny" which was produced by the initiative and guidance of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** got a great response from the Korean people and world peoples. This is because this film shows the truth that the human fate

is inseparably connected with the destiny of nation.

The masses of people live and shape their destiny with a nation-state as a unit.

Without independence of the country and nation we cannot realize the independence of the popular masses.

Each nation has its own culture and traditions historically formed and solidified. This constitutes the national character. The independent demands of the popular masses can not be met nor their interests defended if the national character is disregarded.

Maintaining the Juche character means that the popular masses shape the destiny of their country and nation and their own destiny independently and creatively by being the masters of their destiny.

Sustaining the national character means preserving and developing the good qualities of the nation and embodying them in all spheres of social life.

There exist no people who do not love and value their country and nation or like to see the dignity and soul of their nation trampled upon and ignored. Therefore, any people desire to shape the destiny of their country and nation by being the masters and maintain and develop their peculiar national character through generations.

If the Juche character and national character are not preserved, the destiny of a country and nation will inevitably be faced with misfortunes and ruin.

Registered in the human history are the tragic ends of nations, which had big territory, large population and long history, because they failed to preserve the Juche character and national character.

Although preserving the Juche character and national character is a matter of fundamental significance in shaping the destiny of the masses of people, this matter was not properly treated, and no correct solution was given to this problem by the previous theories. One previous theory, which clarified the law of the development of human history from the point of view of historical materialism, related the formation of nations to the emergence and development of capitalism and predicted that the nation itself would gradually disappear with the liquidation of the capitalist system and with progress in the building of socialism and communism in all countries.

So it came up with the slogan "Workers of All Nations, Unite!", and the idea that the working class has no motherland. Of course, the previous theory had reflected the requirements for strengthening internationalist unity and solidarity, which were urgent for the socialist movement of the period as well as the

need for overcoming opportunism, which was spreading bourgeois nationalism in the working-class movement and the socialist movement.

In our times when the popular masses carry out the revolution and construction actively on their own initiative with the nation-state as a unit, it is of great significance for each country and nation to adhere to the Juche character and sustain their national character.

However, the political parties in several countries which were building socialism in the past adopted dogmatic attitude to the previous theories. Those parties regarded the national contingents carrying out the revolution and construction to meet their people's desires and to suit their national characteristics and their countries' specific situations within the world socialist movement as contradicting internationalism, and did not pay due attention to the matter of preserving independence of the countries and nations and sustaining the national characteristics.

Because of this prejudice and incorrect policy, socialism in these countries failed to develop as a cause for these countries and nations and, in consequence, lost its national footholds and support, and collapsed.

Historical experiences and lessons show that the

matter of preserving the Juche character and national character is of vital importance in deciding the prosperity of a nation.

4) Destiny of Socialism Lies on Rifles

A book, which was published by Czarist Russia's Minister of Treasury in 1900, wrote: "The features of the Korean troops; they can display a great strength if guided by a good commander".

In early 1950s, an Australian journalist, a witness of the Korean war, wrote: "The Korean People's Army could defeat such a mighty enemy for the first time because it was guided by the great leader".

In 1980s a Japanese figure wrote in his book as follows: "The People's Army has become an invincible army for it is led by Secretary **Kim Jong Il**, successor to President **Kim Il Sung**".

In 1996, 15 years since then, Dumitri Yazov, a Minister of Defense of the former Soviet Union said: at the end of the 20[1] century, when there occurred a dramatic change in the cold war structure, Comrade **Kim Jong Il**, a great statesman and supreme commander who possesses perfect qualities of a

renowned brilliant commander, is respected by the world.

Today the Korean People's Army displays its might to the world as the only strongest and invincible army led by supreme commander **Kim Jong Il**. There is no criterion to measure the military capabilities of Korea which is equipped with up-to-date offensive and defensive weapons. As said by foreigners, today the Korean People's Army displays its dignity as the strong army of ideology and conviction. In its van stands His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** regards guns as his lifelong companions and comrades.

For His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, guns are not only weapons used for killing the enemy but also mean the Party, people, state and invariable comrades.

Up to now, there have been a lot of famous military commanders who put an emphasis on the army and argued for the importance of the army. But nobody has put forward the philosophy that guns are the party, people, state and comrades.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s philosophy on the guns sums up the 100-odd year history of the international communist movement.

A fierce struggle against the enemy does not allow any concession. Concession means death. In the

revolutionary struggle, guns mean life.

However, even if a man has a gun, it does not necessarily mean that it defends his life. Only when the gun is combined with ideology and conviction will it be able to save one's life.

At 6 a.m. on August 19, 1991, a state commission was formed in Kremlin to deal with an emergency. A state of emergency was proclaimed in some parts of the former Soviet Union for a period of six months.

The commission issued an "appeal to the people of the Soviet Union" and orders No 1. and No 2. The appeal and orders noted that Gorbachev's "reform" and "restructuring" were driven into a deadlock and the destiny of the Soviet state and people was placed at an extremely dangerous and critical point. They called all the Soviet citizens to actively help the commission so that the country would get rid of the crisis. In particular, the Minister of Defense of the former Soviet Union ordered the Red Army to help the commission.

Nevertheless, at a critical time when the collapse of socialism was at hand, the former Red Army did not cooperate with the commission. The former Red Army had reliably defended the gains of the October Socialist Revolution and world peace. But it did not

take the weapons in front of the impending crumbling of socialism.

Its weapons were necessary for the defense of the revolution, socialism and people. However, the army, which boasted of millions-strong forces and up-to-date equipments, had no ideology, conviction and targets.

As a result, the "August Incident" ended tragically, and showed serious lessons to mankind. His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that he would accomplish the revolutionary cause, relying on the Party and the army.

Even in the difficult situation in which the former Soviet Union and other former socialist countries in Eastern Europe collapsed and the allied force of imperialism were running amuck to stifle Korea's socialism, he turned difficulties into favorable conditions and misfortunes into fortunes, thus consolidating Korea as a bulwark of socialism.

The mode of army-first politics is the mode of revolutionary leadership which solves all the problems arising in the revolution and construction based on the army-first principle and advances the cause of socialism with the army as the pillar of the revolution.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s army-first politics

is based on the guns philosophy that the army is the Party, people and state.

The fundamental interests, aspirations and demands of the revolutionary army and the people completely coincide with each other. Therefore, giving priority to the army means giving priority to the popular masses. Regarding the army as the pillar of revolution means regarding the popular masses as the masters of the revolution. Here lies the popular character of his army-first politics.

It is thanks to the army-first leadership that the Korean people conducted the "Arduous March" and the forced march victoriously and advanced the building of a powerful nation.

5) Youth Grown into Successors to the Revolution

Collapse of socialism in the former Soviet Union and the East European countries which had been building socialism gave us a serious lesson that if the issue of the young people was not solved properly in the process of accomplishing the cause of independence of the popular masses, the party, state and the revolution would suffer setbacks.

Young people represent the precious flowers of a country and nation and are the masters of the future. If they are not properly prepared for the revolution, they may become the troublemakers or renegades of the revolution.

The young people in the former Soviet Union and the East European socialist countries took the lead in the campaign against socialism, because they had illusions about capitalism.

They were deceived by the imperialists and renegades of socialism, with the result that they trampled down the revolutionary achievements accomplished by their grandfathers and fathers.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that we should pay special attention to educating the coming generations, successors to the revolution and masters of the future, in the loyalty to the Party and the revolution, and prosperity or failure of a country and the destiny of socialism would depend on how properly the coming generations would be prepared.

Today, in Korea, the issue of young people has been solved with success, and the coming generations are blossoming into the flowers of the country and nation.

Every country has its own typical flowers. But no country has flowers that represent the future of

mankind. However, in Korea such beautiful and fragrant flowers are in full bloom.

The young Koreans, grown up under the care of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, are "flowers of mankind". When we look back upon the history of mankind, all the politicians endeavored to solve the issue of young people. However, any politician or any leader in any era did not regard the youth as the main force of and successors to the revolution.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** regards the young people as the successors to the revolution.

He said that the destiny of the Party is the destiny of the youth. As the destiny of youth is inconceivable separated from the guidance of the Party, so the existence of the Party separated from the youth.

On October 10, 1995, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** went to **Kim Il Sung** Square to see a soiree and a torchlight march of the youth and students of Pyongyang, congratulating the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The soiree-dances and songs-ended, and a torchlight march started.

Amid the thunderous cheers, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** handed over the baton of a torchlight to the male and female representatives of the young

people. The columns of torchlight followed the baton.

This was a true look of the Korean youth who were determined to inherit and accomplish through generations the cause of the Korean revolution which had been started at Mt. Paektu.

Afterwards, His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that the torchlight baton of the revolution implied the great expectation and trust that the rising generations would become the everlasting flames of revolution and youth vanguard of our Party, who would staunchly defend the Party and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche single-mindedly united around the Party.

The torchlight baton, he had handed over to the Korean young people, symbolized the unity of the Party and the youth.

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LODESTAR WHO HELD THE BANNER OF SOCIALISM HIGH

"The Pyongyang Declaration reflects a firm determination to defend and promote the cause of socialism. Its publication is of epochal significance in strengthening the internationalist unity and solidarity of the revolutionary parties and in promoting the socialist cause."

Kim Jong Il

1) Torch of the Cause of Independence

In 1929, when Korea, under the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists, was being eclipsed from the world map, Ravindra Tagore, a poet of India, wrote in his poem *Korea* as follows:

Korea
A lamp of the golden age of Asia
When thou shines again,
Thou will be a bright ray of the East.

Tagore was a poet, not a prophet.

However, today, when more than 70 years have passed since the publication of his poem "Korea", any person, who knows about the world politics, regards him as a far-sighted "prophet" with clairvoyance.

As he had foreseen, Korea has become a bright ray of the East.

It would be more correct to call Korea as the Sun's fatherland that holds a distinguished leader of the world revolution in high esteem.

Taking the Juche idea as its guiding idea, the world socialist movement advances in the 21st century under the banner of the Pyongyang Declaration.

The Pyongyang Declaration is a light that His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** brought to the world

progressive mankind.

Collapse of socialism in the former USSR and other East European countries, which had been building socialism, brought much despair to the people. There was darkness devoid of a ray. At that juncture, removing the darkness, a thunderbolt resounded from Pyongyang, the capital of the DPR of Korea. It was the Pyongyang Declaration *Let Us Defend and Advance the Cause of Socialism.*

And His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** made public a work "The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party".

In April 1992, after full consultation with heads of the progressive political parties and party delegates that were aspiring after socialism from 70 parties in different countries, the Declaration was drafted and made public in Pyongyang.

After the declaration was made public, more political parties in the world have put their signatures to the declaration calling it as a "torch of socialism".

Thanks to the declaration, the world socialist movement entered a new era, and the world revolutionary parties and communists were able to fight for the ultimate victory of socialism with a common programme of struggle.

Socialism had to undergo great trials at the end

of 1980s and early 1990s.

Reality urgently demanded a new ideological theory that could immediately adjust the situation created before the international communist movement and elucidate the path to defending the socialist cause and leading it to victory.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, with a deep insight into the demand, gave scientific solutions to all theoretical and practical issues which were of significance in rebuilding socialism and the development of the world socialist movement by publishing the classic works one after another.

In order to meet the demands of the world communists and the world revolutionary peoples for a new programme of struggle, he initiated the adoption of the Pyongyang Declaration and led energetically the activities to realize it.

Thanks to his leadership, on April 20, 1992, the representatives of political parties aspiring after socialism including communist and workers' parties in different countries of the world drafted and made public the Pyongyang Declaration, the programme of struggle for socialism in the era of independence.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**'s energetic activities greatly contributed to the adoption of the declaration, which elucidated a new guiding idea of

socialism, purpose of struggle and the ways of its realization, and the cause of socialism was able to enter a new history.

The Pyongyang Declaration is an eternal torchlight of the era of independence, which has put the world socialist movement onto a new higher stage, showing the way for its victory.

2) Under the Banner of the Pyongyang Declaration

When the Pyongyang Declaration was drafted and made public, the communists and the world peoples, to say nothing of those in the countries where socialism had been frustrated, turned out, with conviction, to the struggle for the reconstruction of socialism.

The number of the political parties, that had put their signatures to the declaration at its adoption, was 70, but has been increased to be more than 250.

This shows that socialism is still a desire of the progressive mankind and that the revolutionary parties vigorously wage a new struggle for socialism with the declaration as a common programme.

Today, the progressive forces aspiring after

socialism are being united and the socialist movement advances under the banner of the Pyongyang Declaration. Reconstructing socialism is the only way for the peoples of those countries, where capitalism revived, in their efforts to enjoy again the independent and creative life and to free themselves from the misery and sufferings of all kinds.

The true communists and people drew a serious lesson from the tragic aftereffects made in the countries where socialism had been frustrated, and turned out to the struggle for the reconstruction of socialism under the banner of the Pyongyang Declaration.

This shows that the Pyongyang Declaration is based on the truth whose validity and vitality have already been proved through practice.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il** said that when the revolutionary parties would wage a struggle with the Pyongyang Declaration as their common fighting programme, they would be able to strengthen the internationalist unity and solidarity based on the common idea and dynamically promote the cause of socialism.

Communist parties, workers' parties, progressive parties and many other parties, aspiring after socialism in the former USSR and the East European

region, confirmed the validity and importance of the Pyongyang Declaration, set it as the parties' guiding principle and try to put it into effect.

The fact that the peoples in the countries, where capitalism revived, conduct a vigorous struggle to build socialism under the banner of the Pyongyang Declaration clearly proves the validity, importance and vitality of the declaration. Today, the Pyongyang Declaration has validity and vitality on the worldwide scale, inspiring the struggle to defend and advance the cause of socialism.

In future the rank of the revolutionary parties, desirous of socialism, will be further increased and their struggle to advance the world socialist movement, under the leadership of His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, will be further intensified. No force can check the progress of the world socialist movement to rebuild socialism, with Pyongyang as its center and the Juche idea as its guiding idea.

His Excellency **Kim Jong Il**, great leader, recognized by the world, is leading the movement.

Under his leadership socialism will advance with new vitality.